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year-old business saw a decrease of \$130,000 last year as a result of the nation's faltering economy.

"But this year, there appears to be an increased confidence," he said "However, business is still not great, but with the help of folks like Joe Wilson, we are optimistic."

Wilson told Lee he was working

ing an effort to help get the government out of local businesses.



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Second District Congressman Joe Wilson continued his Joe Means Jobs Tour Monday at Richard's Automotive in West Columbia. There he talked with newsmen about his efforts to help small business owners. Richard Lee, gave Wilson a first hand look at the kind of work his professional technicians do every day

to get the economy moving and mak- congressman helped change the oil in his own pickup. "Working Joes, who do this job, deserve our appreciation, Following the news conference, the our support, and our loyalty."